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## **Safe Kids Frederick County Awarded Grant by Maryland Highway Safety Office**

**Frederick, MD** – Safe Kids Frederick County (SKFC) was awarded a grant for over \$40,000 to increase child passenger safety, pedestrian safety, and bicycle safety in Frederick County. The grant was from the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's (MVA) Maryland Highway Safety Office.

This grant will help SKFC expand both the Car Seat Assistance Program through Kids in Safety Seats Maryland and the Walk This Way program through Safe Kids Worldwide that promotes pedestrian and bicycle safety to an entire school each year. SKFC will also be able to expand the Bicycle Education Program, a collaboration with the Frederick Bicycle Coalition, which promotes bicycle safety and gives properly fitted helmets to fourth grade students.

"It is really rewarding to see the smile on children and parent's faces during our projects," said Jessica Dayal, Safe Kids Frederick County Coordinator. "The thank you letters we have received from the children are heart melting!"

The MVA's [Maryland Highway Safety Office](#) is dedicated to saving lives and preventing injuries by reducing motor vehicle crashes through the administration of a comprehensive network of traffic safety programs laid out in their Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

The mission of Safe Kids Frederick County is to prevent unintentional injuries to children ages 14 and under, in Frederick County, through a coordinated program of public awareness, education, legislative action, enforcement and access to low cost safety products. To learn more and get involved in Safe Kids Frederick County, call 301-600-3326 or visit <http://health.frederickcountymd.gov/safekids>.

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